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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term.

Finally

The children might have already told you that on Wednesday this week we said goodbye to our construction team with a special assembly. We have worked with NYCC Property Services and Sewell Construction for over a year now and wanted to say a special thank you for all the hard work and dedication to the project. We have now taken full possession of the site which means we now have an ICT suite, a library, a staff room and music room. In addition Time Out are now also operating their before and after school provision on site. We have an open day planned in the New Year for everyone to come and have a look around the fully operational school.

The Rose Avenue entrance is now open for pedestrians. You will be able to access the main school via Rose Avenue, by walking through the pedestrian gate and following the path round to the left going around the outside of the new building, this will take you onto the playgrounds at the front of school. This route does take you through various sets of gates.

Please note there is **no entry** into the school building via the old office entrance.

The entrance into school from Highfield Villas is open. The temporary ramp has now been removed. Unfortunately NYCC have identified that there is no requirement to provide a ramp at this entrance as there are two other level entrances into school. The temporary wooden ramp was only installed whilst it was the main access into the school grounds. As all entrances to the school are now complete and accessible the temporary ramp needed to be removed and the area reinstated to its original position. I am afraid that although school can see the need and the desirability of a ramp at all entrances, the cost of the work could not be met by the NYCC budget and the school does not have the additional funds to undertake such work.

Crossing Patrol

As the Rose Avenue entrance is now open the crossing patrol will be re locating to New Lane, near Rose Ave and Beechwood Croft, the authority who manage the crossing patrols (they are not part of school staff) have carried out a risk assessment and have decided that this is the best position in order to service the school's new site most efficiently.

Bikes

Bike Stand application forms will be sent home to children in year 5 and 6. Initially we will offer places to the oldest children who have completed the bikeability course. If there are still places available we will then offer the opportunity to the next oldest year group and so on. We do not anticipate that younger children will be able to bring their bikes to school, as we will not have stands for everyone.

We will be installing more stands, as soon as funds permit.

Scooters

A scooter pod is available for children currently only at the Milford Road entrance. Children coming to school on their scooters can leave their scooters in this pod which will save parents carrying them to and from school. Please note

Children should not ride scooters anywhere inside the school site.

Scooters can only be left if there is available space.

The school takes no responsibility for any scooter left on site.

There will be more scooter pods at the other school entrances when we are able to install them.

School Meal options

We have emailed out to families this week the new menu options. Children can now order jacket potatoes and sandwiches. (Panni, baguettes and rolls .These alternatives to the main menu can be ordered on the day and do not have to be ordered in advance.

Flu immunisation

Flu Immunisation for those children from Reception to Year 4 whom consent has been provided for will take place on Wednesday 15th November at 9.30am.

For those of you who have not yet registered for this free programme we would urge you to go to the following site and do so immediately. They have extended the final date to the 10th of November.

<https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/services/childhood-flu-programme/>

Caretaker Post

The school is looking to appoint a new caretaker. For details of the post please visit the NYCC jobs and Careers page.

Kitchen Assistant

County Caterers are looking to appoint a kitchen assistant for 15.5 hours per week to work Monday to Friday (Mon-Wed 11.15am -1.5pm and Thurs –Fri 8.45am - 1.30pm) Please log onto NYCC jobs and careers for details and application information. The closing date is November 12th

Ofsted

A separate letter has been sent to all families today notifying them that the Ofsted letter is now published and available on the school and Ofsted web sites, we would urge all families to read this letter and celebrate with us the highly successful outcomes.

Defibrillator in School

Athelstan School now has access to a defibrillator on site. The welfare of our pupils, staff and visitors is of the utmost importance to us. An AED machine can increase the life chances of an individual experiencing a cardiac arrest by up to 70% .We would like to say a big thank you to Mr John Duff of Mendahose Hydraulics for the funding to provide this machine.

Dates for your diary

Date	what	who
10/11/17	Class assembly	Mrs Whelerton's class
13/11/17	Skye interview with the Speaker of the House of Commons	Y2- Y6
17/11/17	Children in Need	Whole school more details next week (but a heads up children will be wearing something spotty)
17/11/17	Question Time	Y6 + school Council will be holding a question time session with various VIPs more details next week
21/11/17	Open evening Sunshines	For families with children who will be starting in Sunshines in September 2018
24/11/17	Class assembly	Miss Frampton's class
01/12/17	Non Uniform day	Children will be asked to donate chocolate for the ASPA Christmas Fair for the privilege of wearing non uniform
01/12/17	Class assembly	Mr Tucker's class
01/12/17	Christmas Fair	Whole school
06/12/17	Theatre group in school	EYFS + Y1
11/12/17	Christmas production	Sunshines
12/12/17	Panto visit	Y2-Y6
13/12/17	Christmas Production	Y1
14/12/17	Christmas production	Y2
15/12/17	Christmas School dinner	Whole school
22/12/17	School breaks up for Christmas	Whole school

These are all the dates we have in the school diary at the moment we will notify you of other new or confirmed dates as soon as possible.